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Applicant: Dirk Aderhold et al. : Art Unit:
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AND METHOD THEREFORE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, after the title, please insert the following sentence:

--This application is the U.S. national-phase application of PCT International Application No. PCT/GB99/00652.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 5. (Amended) Apparatus according to [any one of the preceding]
2 claims 2 or 3, wherein the containment means is shaped to cause differential coating of
3 parts of the support.

1 6. (Amended) Apparatus according to claim [6] 5, wherein an air-
2 premeable base is used to support the bottom of the support.

1 10. (Newly Added) Apparatus according to claim 4, wherein the
2 containment means is shaped to cause differential coating of parts of the support.